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1. THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ANTICOMMUNISM"
QUOTED IN ITS ENTIRETY, APPEARED IN THE APRIL 14
EDITION OF THE MODERATE CONSERVATIVE (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ORIENTED)
DAILY YA AND EXPRESSES IN COMPACE FORM A WIDELY HELD CENTER VIEW
OF THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY.

2. "AS WE WROTE ABOVE, WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE
LEGALIZATION OF THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY, IT IS
MORE IMPORTANT TO STUDY CAREFULLY THE IDEOLOGY AND
PRACTICES OF THIS PARTY THAN TO DEVOTE OURSELVES TO
RECENT CHAOTIC EVENTS CONCERNING IT. NONE, OR ALMOST
NONE, OF THE DOCTRINAL NEGATIVES CONCERNING COMMUNISM
HAVE LOST THEIR VALIDITY, INCLUDING THE ADMONITORY
WORDS OF MANY POPES, AMONG THEM PIUS THE XI. IN THE
SPECIAL CASE OF SPAIN, IT IS NECESSARY TO ADD TO THESE
DOCTRINAL CAUTIONS A LONG POLITICAL, SYNDICAL AND
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REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY WHICH IT WOULD BE SENSELESS TO
IGNORE. IN OUR COUNTRY, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ALWAYS
ACTED AS REVOLUTIONARIES AND THIS IS REINFORCED BY THE
FACT THAT ITS MOST VISIBLE LEADERS TODAY WERE A PART
OF THE SAD EPOCH OF THE THIRTIES IN WHICH THIS COUNTRY
INVOLVED ITSELF IN A CRUEL CIVIL WAR. THE PROBLEM IS
NOT TO RESUSCITATE THE WAR AND ITS BLOOD WITH AN EYE

ON THE ELECTIONS, BUT TO CONTEMPLATE THE FACT THAT COMMUNISM WISHES TO MAKE US BELIEVE THAT IT HAS CHANGED. THEY DO NOT DENY THEIR HISTORY, AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO MADE THAT HISTORY; BUT THEY INSIST TENACIOUSLY IN PRESENTING AN IMAGE OF DEMOCRACY AND PACIFISM KNOWN UNDER THE NAME OF "EUROCOMMUNISM". THE TIME HAS COME TO ASK OURSELVES JUST WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF THIS VERSION OF COMMUNISM CIRCULATED IN 1977.

3. "AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT AIDED IN ESTABLISHING OR CONSOLIDATING A DEMOCRACY IN ANY COUNTRY. THEY DESCRIBE THE WESTERN FORMS OF DEMOCRACY IN PEJORATIVE TERMS, TERMING THEM 'FORMAL DEMOCRACIES' IN CONTRAST TO THE 'POPULAR DEMOCRACIES' (OF THE EAST). HERE WE CAN SEE A STILL HIDDEN FACET OF COMMUNISM.

4. "IN THE SPAIN OF TODAY, IN SPEAKING OF DEMOCRACY WE REFER PARTICULARLY TO A SYSTEM WHERE THE BASIC VALUES ARE RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN BEING AND RESPECT FOR HIS RIGHT TO FREE ASSOCIATION, TO ORGANIZE AND TO DEMONSTRATE. DOES THIS RESPECT EXIST IN THE COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY? IN NO WAY. FOR COMMUNISM, THE HUMAN BEING AND HIS LIBERTIES REPRESENT A PRODUCT SUBORDINATE TO COLLECTIVE ACTION. USING THIS COLLECTIVE ACTION AS A PRETEXT, PERSONAL LIBERTIES ARE ABOLISHED, SINCE THEY REPRESENT A DIFFICULTY FOR THE COLLECTIVIST STATE.

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5. "BASED ON THIS PREMISE, A COMMUNIST REGIME CANNOT ACCEPT PERSONAL FREEDOM WITHOUT NEGATING ITS OWN BASIC PRECEPTS. IT CAN ATTEMPT TO RESPECT A CERTAIN ELECTORAL FACADE, BUT THIS IS NOT AN INDICATION OF INTRINSIC RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, ABOVE ALL FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WISHED TO LIVE OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF COMMUNISM.

6. "FROM THIS IT CAN BE DEDUCED THAT COMMUNISM, INCLUDING ITS 'EURO' FORM, MUST REGIMENT SOCIETY IN A MOST RIGID MANNER, BECAUSE IF IT DOES NOT, SOCIETY WILL ESCAPE FROM ITS NET. THE MOST PALPABLE EXAMPLE IS TO BE SEEN IN THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF OUR SPANISH 'EUROCOMMUNISM.' THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SPAIN HAS NEVER SUBMITTED ITSELF TO A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP NOR HAS IT DISCUSSED WITH THEM ITS POLICIES. OUR 'EUROCOMMUNISTS' CONTINUE HIERARCHICAL AND CLOSED. THIS IS TO SAY, STALINISTS, WHICH IS THE NATURAL FORM OF COMMUNISM.

7. "IT FOLLOWS THAT THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS AN ACT OF POLITICAL PRUDENCE, NOT A SIGNAL THAT THE IDEOLOGY, METHODS AND ENDS OF COMMUNISM HAVE CHANGED OR WILL CHANGE. IT HAS ENCOUNTERED ITS DIFFICULTIES IN ITS OWN RANKS. ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, IT HAS RECRUITED MANY MEMBERS BECAUSE THEY THINK IT IS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THEY WILL SOON BECOME CONVINCED THAT A PARTY WHICH HAS NO INTERNAL DEMOCRACY CANNOT IMPOSE IT EXTERNALLY, FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT NOBODY CAN GIVE WHAT HE DOESN'T HAVE." STABLER

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